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NEWSLINE

They Said It:

"I don't blow dry my hair, I don't wear make-up and I don't want your applause. I just want your attention."

-Gary Robbins, OC Register reporter, referring to KCBS anchor Jim Lampley while addressing a group of students.

Fact:

Each second the sun uses up about 5 million tons of hydrogen, producing as much energy as exploding 100,000 megatons of TNT.

CLASSES

Landscaping series

The RSC Community Services Office offers a four-part landscape series on Thursdays, May 2 to May 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., in room B-104 on OC.

Cost for the entire series is \$72, or \$21 for individual classes. A second person from the same household may register at half-price. For more information call 667-3096.

SERVICES/SEMINARS

Time management

The RSC Public Service Institute will offer a two-day seminar on "Time Management" on Wednesday, May 3-10, from 1 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. in room D-102 on SAC.

The class deals with methods of proper allocation of time and energy. Ask for ticket #90911 when registering. A \$2.50 fee is required and students must pre-register by calling the Public Service Institute at 667-3154.

Management skills

The RSC Public Service Institute offers a seminar titled "Management Skills for Secretaries and Administrative Assistance", on Wednesdays, May 3 and May 10, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

The class will meet at the Nationwide Insurance Building, 681 S. Parker Street in Orange. Ask for ticket #90721 when registering. A \$2.50 fee is required and students must pre-register by calling the Public Service Institute at 667-3154.

Big game fishing

The Rancho Santiago College Community Services Office will be offering a seminar on "Blue Water and Big Game Fishing" on Wednesday evenings, May 3-24, in room U-204 (SAC).

The seminar will emphasize the newest trolling methods, how to make and rig lures, predator behavior, oceanography, and migration habits.

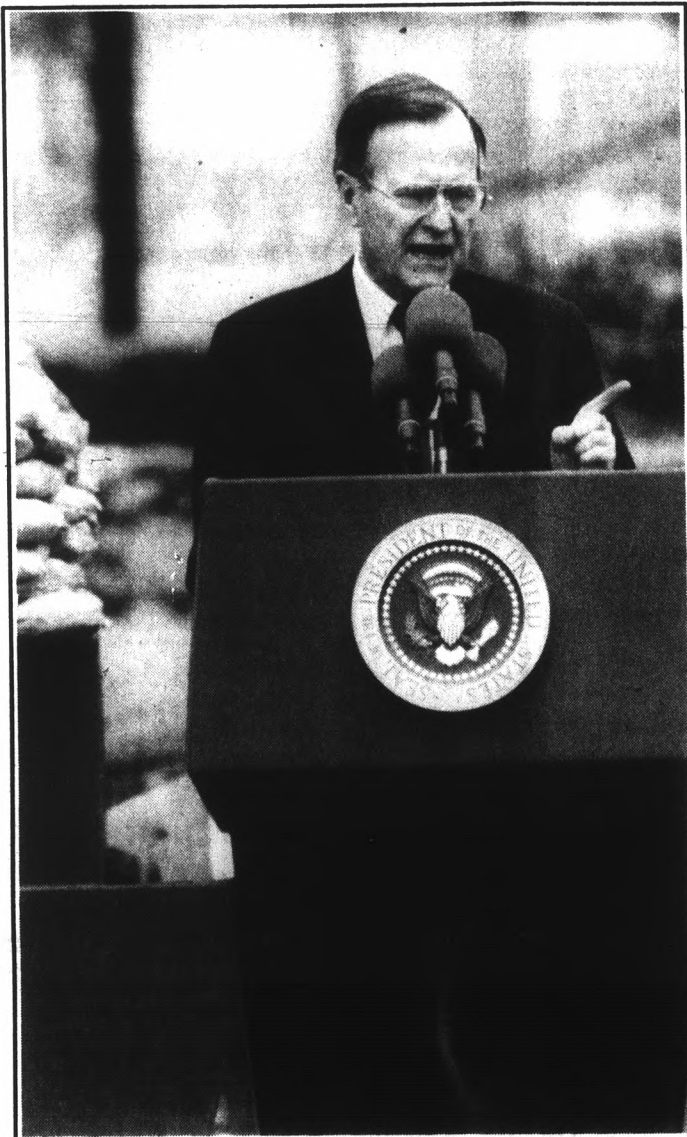
The instructor for this class is noted big game angler Rod Houston. For more information call (714) 667-3096.

INSIDE

The recent unrest in China may be a mirror of the 60s in the US. See Denise Longrie's opinion on page 3, Viewpoint.



A presidential 'War on Drugs'



President George Bush addresses a crowd of over 1500 people (left) before presenting \$4.5 million to OC Sheriff Brad Gates, (above).

President George Bush presented \$4.5 million to Orange County Sheriff Brad Gates this week in an attempt to assist local law enforcement in their anti-drug push.

The event took place at Rancho Del Rio, which was once used as a base for a multi-national drug smuggling operation. More than 1500 people crowded the site

that is now being used as a training facility for sheriffs deputies.

Under new legislation passed in 1984 law enforcement agencies are permitted to utilize confiscated properties to further their war on drugs.

Bush concluded the day by allocating an additional \$6 million to further interstate law enforcement.

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Matriculation

3 year plan to benefit students

BY DONNA DEAN IRANI
STAFF WRITER

Although less than three years in the making, RSC students are starting to benefit from the district-wide matriculation plan implemented at RSC this semester, according to Lynne N. Stedman, RSC matriculation coordinator.

A district-wide committee drafted the three year matriculation flow

plan to ease students into the RSC system and to follow through as they transfer to the UC and CSU systems.

State legislation passed the Seymour Campbell bill three years ago to provide the necessary funding for the matriculation of qualified students into the 107 community colleges in California.

Each college district appointed a college cabinet, made up of staff and

students, who then drafted their school's own matriculation plan.

The basic components, to assist students in meeting their individual educational goals, include:

- Admission
- Orientation
- Skill Assessment and
- Student Evaluation
- Advisement, Counseling and
- Placement
- Student Progress Follow-up
- Coordination and Training

"It comprises a system of services for Please See/Matriculation page 2

Abortion poll indicates women must choose

BY KAREN WALSH
STAFF WRITER

An overwhelming majority of RSC students think that the choice of abortion, whether morally right or wrong, should be left up to the individual, according to a random poll conducted recently on campus.

It has been a highly publicized topic lately because of Webster vs.

Reproductive Health Services, a Missouri abortion case that will be presented before the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Abortion foes in that state drafted a law restricting the use of public funds and public institutions for abortions. These lawmakers also do not want women to be

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State universities raise tuition fees

BY MAURICE ALCALA
STAFF WRITER

California State Universities will raise semester tuition fees beginning in the fall of 1989.

The tuition hike is due to a "serious revenue shortfall" in the current budget, according to Steve McCarthy, assistant director of public affairs at the state chancellor's office.

California residents will now have to pay \$305 if taking six or less units, and \$461 for seven or more units. Non residents will now have to pay the resident's tuition plus \$189 per unit.

These new fees apply on a semester basis. The previous tuition fees were \$284, \$428, and \$156 accordingly.

"The state has had a complicated problem with tax reform to coincide with the federal system," said McCarthy about why Gov. Deukmejian proposed a 10 per cent fee hike when his budget was released in January 10, 1989.

Proposition 98, which was passed last November, also aids public schools financially since "it guarantees a certain percentage for schools," McCarthy said.

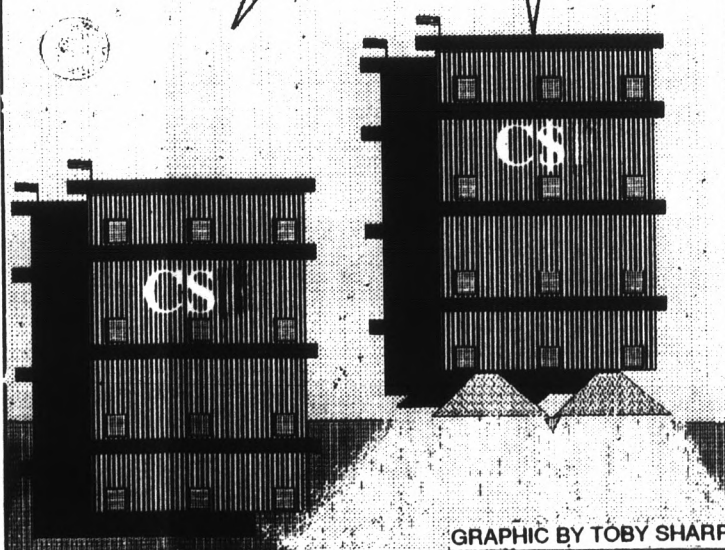
The fee hike is somewhat related to Proposition 98 as well since school budgets have had a 400 million dollar increase in the last

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year, after they came about a billion dollars short of meeting the required scholastic demands, according to McCarthy.

"I'm sure nobody was interested in increasing the burden on the students," said James Blackburn, director of admissions at Cal State

Fullerton.

"This was done as an effort to increase revenue, since our (the colleges) costs go up," said Blackburn.

Fullerton officials do not expect a decrease in enrollment because of the tuition increase.

Community Outreach

Learning to take the right 'STEP'

BY KAREN WALSH
STAFF WRITER

When high school students receive a D or F in their mathematics course, they might become frustrated and drop the class.

But if they become involved in the Student/Teacher Educational Program (STEP), there is a good possibility that their next grade will be an A, according to Lucy Carr-Rollitt, STEP tutor trainer.

Project STEP is a partnership program between the Santa Ana Unified School District and Rancho Santiago College, Chapman College, California State University, Fullerton, and University of California, Irvine, according to Cheryl Dunn, director of STEP at RSC.

RSC provides the tutorial aspect of the program, of which there are many components.

"Ours is the only one that deals directly with students," said Dunn.

At each high school in the district, Saddleback, Santa Ana Valley, and Santa Ana, peers tutor students who need assistance in mathematics and science, with special emphasis on mathematics.

Tutor supervisors from RSC are present to make Please see/STEP page 2

Register reporter questions values of TV news

BY FORREST LEE
STAFF WRITER

"I don't blow dry my hair, I don't wear make-up and I don't want your applause. I just want your attention."

Those were the opening statements by Orange County Register reporter Gary Robbins, referring to KCBS news anchor Jim Lampley, during the Journalism Day ceremonies Tuesday at Phillips Hall that became a little more heated than expected.

Robbins became outraged after Lampley spoke to about 200 students during the conference and expressed his anger when he followed Lampley as speaker.

"He represents everything I resent in journalism," Robbins said.

Robbins' comments were met with scattered boos throughout the crowd.

Mike Capo, a RSC student, relayed some of Robbins' comments to Lampley, who was outside the hall and unaware of the criticism.

"(Lampley) didn't say much," Capo said. "He just asked 'Gary who' and thought about confronting Robbins on stage but apparently

was talked out of it by an RSC instructor."

Capo was one of several students in the audience who confronted Robbins on stage after the reporter concluded his speech.

"Why do you have such a bad attitude towards Jim Lampley?" Capo asked, which was met with applause by the audience. "He seems to do a good job and is a well-educated person. What's with the attitude?"

Robbins responded that his television broadcasters "trivialize" news and implied that the group doesn't accurately reflect journalism standards. Robbins is a higher education writer at The Register.

Charles W. Little, journalism adviser at RSC, believed Robbins created a "healthy" environment and agreed with the message Robbins attempted to relay.

"I thought it was healthy dialogue. I don't agree with everything Gary said but I think it was extremely valid. It's always important in education for divergent opinions to be expressed. It helps students to think."

Abortion:

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counseled about abortions.

It has been declared unconstitutional by the state courts, and has been passed on to the Supreme Court.

Some feel that this case could overrule the 1972 Roe vs. Wade case that legalized abortion.

"I don't think they should overturn any laws," said David Krueger, an RSC student. "I think they (Supreme Court) will modify it."

Amanda Gregory, an RSC student, was not knowledgeable about the upcoming Supreme Court case, but said that her stance is pro-choice.

"I think abortion is overused now," Gregory said. "But we can't go back to the Dark Ages. More people are going to suffer if it's going to be illegal."

Tom Jones, also an RSC student, thinks the decision of having an

abortion should be left up to the individual.

Jones added that besides keeping abortion legal, social and educational programs should be implemented. This might reduce the risk of abortion in the future.

Brian Tufts, an RSC student, said that if abortions are outlawed, woman will resort to "underground abortions."

"More people will wind up dead," Tufts said.

Some students cited religious reasons for their pro-life stance on abortion.

Also, some students thought that under special circumstances, rape, incest, or the life of the mother, abortion is an acceptable alternative.

Carol Hardwick, an RSC student who considers herself on the pro-life side of this issue, said that the Missouri law under attack is unfair.

"I think women should be counseled," Hardwick said. "It's a scientific and moral issue. There should be unbiased counseling."

STEP: Creating an interest in teaching is a major goal

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sure there is no problems, according to Carr-Rollitt.

At Willard Intermediate School, tutors from RSC help students with their schoolwork, instead of peers.

Project STEP is targeted at under represented minority students who are between 17 and 18 and are a year or more behind in school. But any student can become involved in the program.

"It's also for students who need a little assistance. It's a place to do homework," said Carr-Rollitt.

Many high school students do not go to college because of mathematics, Dunn said. "Math is scary for some students. That's why we chose math (for our tutorial program)," she added.

The California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP), a statewide program that gives grants to school districts in order to bring about partnership programs between parents, universities, and high schools, gives Project STEP an annual \$80,000.

In 1987-88, Project STEP was picked out of all the CAPP grants as the "Showcase Grant," according to Dunn. "That was quite an honor."

Faculty forums, in which teachers, counselors and administrators contribute ideas to Project STEP's programs are another component of the program, according to the OC Register. Also, there are programs to train teachers and parents to get students more interested in mathematics and science.

Project STEP has a 90 percent success rate in tutoring students, according to Ramon Reza, assistant to the superintendent of the Santa Ana Unified School District.

"It has helped a lot of students," Reza added. "It's a model program that has been identified by the state. Rancho (RSC) was written up for that."

What makes Project STEP unique is how closely the Santa Ana Unified School District and the local colleges work together in order to address the needs of the student

population, Reza said.

"The college (RSC) has been willing to commit funds above and beyond what the grant is giving us," said Carr-Rollitt. "They've been very supportive."

"This is the last year of the STEP project," said Carr-Rollitt. "But it appears as if we will be here next year."

The ultimate goal of this program is institutionalization, said Carr-Rollitt. Another goal is to use models of Project STEP in other school districts.

Creating an interest in teaching is also a goal. Carr-Rollitt hopes that tutors will be teachers in the future.

Linda Burgos, a tutor at Willard Intermediate School, sees teaching in her future plans. "I was looking for a job," she said.

Matriculation:

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bringing students into college, sometimes from the high school level, and helping them become successful while they are there," said Stedman.

This spring semester, the counseling department piloted an "early alert system" for the purpose of identifying students having difficulties by the fifth week of the semester. Instructors were the front line for the system acting on either a "one-on-one" basis with the student or recommending counseling. Counselors said they mailed out letters to the troubled students and offered to provide assistance through the program. They strove to increase the persistence of the students in taking RSC courses and in achieving their goals.

The RSC counseling staff is currently working on a follow-up program for students in varied situations who could access the program.

According to committee members, the matriculation program is necessary at RSC, because a large number of students enroll and somehow "slip through the cracks" in the "seemingly enormous network" and many times are lost to a higher education forever.

"Matriculation can help ensure that students have a strong possibility of success in meeting their educational goals, matching their present skills with the appropriate class placement and support services needed to assist them in meeting their ultimate educational goal," said Robert D. Jensen, RSC Chancellor.

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Seeing through the smoke of Iowa

George Bush called them "The men behind the guns," their families called them son, brother, father, friend.

Forty seven young lives were senselessly snuffed out in yet another tragedy played out in the grand name of defense.

"We're going to keep the pride going...yes 47 shipmates died, but God gave birth to 500 heroes that day," said USS Iowa Capt. Fred P. Moosally, referring to Iowa's fire fighting team.

We say bullshit Capt. Moosally.

Heroes are not defined by snuffing out a fire caused by antiquated equipment on a nearly 50 year old ship using World War II technology.

One of the most commonly used arguments for defense spending is to save lives. We wonder, what price a young man in the prime of his life going for these days?

In the past year, several defense contractors have been cited and some jailed, for gouging the department of defense for literally billions of dollars.

Was the Iowa brought out of the mothballs and refurbished because we could not afford to produce a new ship that could launch projectiles the size of a volkswagen?

It is morbidly ironic that when the Bush administration finally presents a cohesive defense budget to congress, an incident of this magnitude should occur.

Under Bush's proposal SDI research would be severely limited and congress would restrain the brigade of billions of dollars that were launched to develop an already futile program.

How many pints of our servicemen's blood must be spilled into the oceans before we realize that until we have provided safe machine of war more lives will be tragically lost.

A new ammo to fight the war

The "War on Drugs" has become a household issue and is invading every aspect of American life.

In the past, only the drug users were affected by what most considered to be a nasty habit. And the solution to avoiding this problem was avoiding the habit.

Now, drugs have permeated every facet of our lives. Our streets are under siege and battles are raging for the territorial ownership of drug zones.

As the death toll mounts it becomes more apparent that to remedy a problem as serious as drugs will take serious action on behalf of the government.

This week, President George Bush took a step in the right direction by providing Orange County Sheriff Brad Gates with a check for more than \$9 million to assist in the fight against drugs.

The monies were obtained under new legislation that requires items and monies confiscated in drug raids to be forfeited for use by law enforcement agencies.

This legislation has opened the flood gates for a directly proportional allocation of funds.

By fighting the drug war with the ammunition of the enemy the US can take some of the burden of footing the bill off of the people and fight fire with fire.

All in the name of science

Every year thousands of animals are senselessly mutilated and tortured in the name of science. Vivisection parlors all across the US condemn these animals to what is truly a fate worse than death.

As animal rights advocates have shown in the past, the inhumane and sadistic treatment of these poor creatures borders on fiendish.

These vivisection labs hold no prejudice and draw no lines, animals used range from monkeys to pigeons to house pets to street mice and share one common bond... an agonizing death.

Champions of this form of legalized torture claim that "science is the ultimate benefactor of the studies and the animal blood is spilled for human survival."

However, the truth is that many scientists have condemned vivisection and say that in many cases it does more harm to their research than good.

While there are alternate methods of research available to the scientific institutions they choose to (as any true capitalist would) take the path of least monetary resistance which in this case is at the expense of a lower species.

Others argue that "animals are here for human use and that because animals are of a lower order they are to be used at our disposal."

These rantings sound strangely familiar to those of a twentieth century dictator who used the same reasoning when performing experiments on Jews.

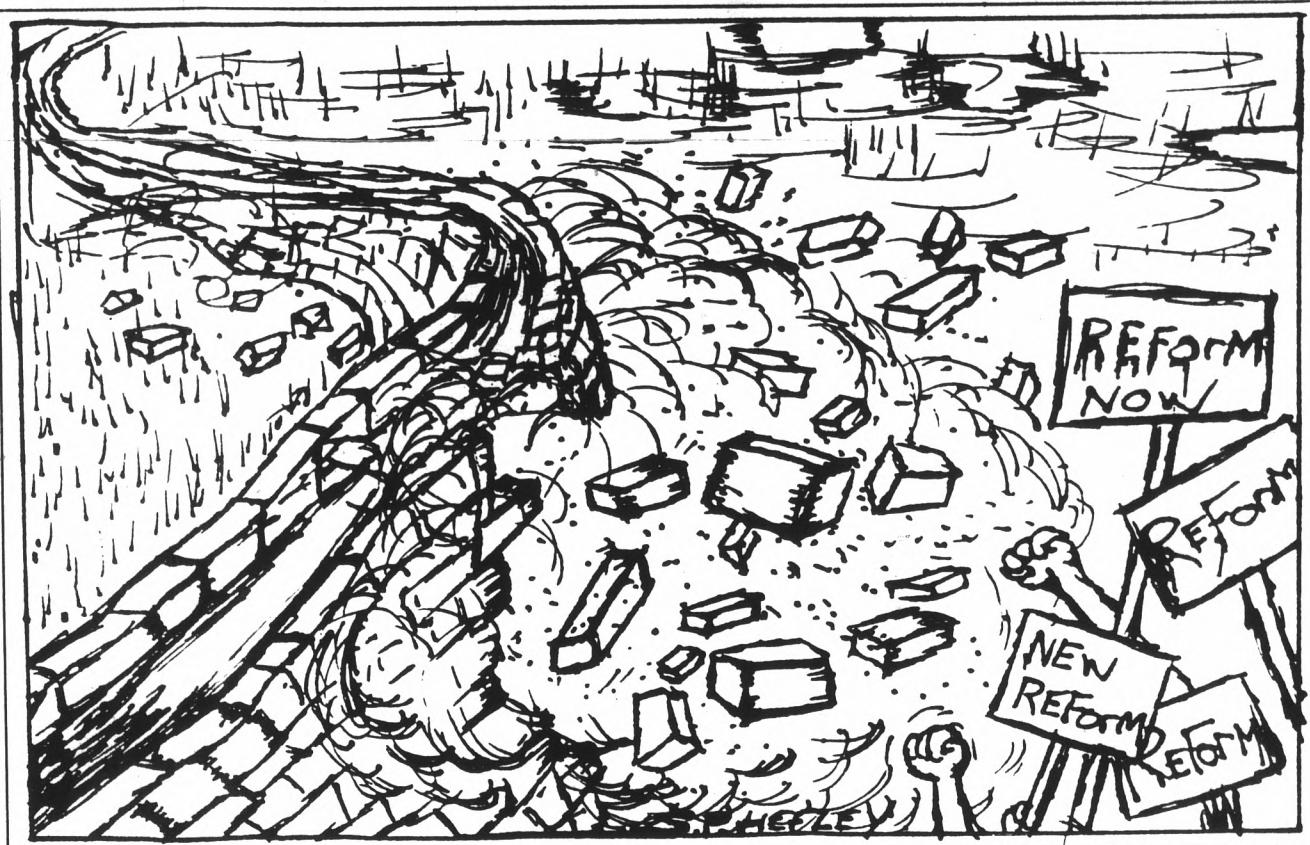
The outright exploitation and mutilation of these creatures must stop.

This week has been established as Laboratory Animal Liberation Week. A stand must be taken to prevent the ongoing brutality of humans towards their fellow Earth inhabitants.

For information on Animal Liberation Week contact Last Chance for Animals at (818) 760-2075.

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Opinion



Students speak up in China

BY DENISE LONGRIE
STAFF WRITER

There is something familiar in the air. There are the students-- angry and loud where they were once silent. They are holding protest demonstrations at several universities, demanding free speech. They are attacking what they see as a corrupt government who tramples on their constitutional rights and calling on officials to listen to them. They are mourning the recent death of a progressive national leader.

There are reports that protesters have been beaten and manhandled by police breaking up their generally peaceful demonstrations.

This is not a nostalgic trip back to the 60s, but a description of what is happening in the present in the People's Republic of China.

Marxism had to show its worth, he contended, by tangible achievements.

Not that this is the first time there have been student demonstrations in that country. Protests also occurred in 1986, leading to a government backlash and the ouster of Hu Yaobang, the progressive Communist Party official charged with suppressing the earlier demonstrations. It was his April 15 death of

a heart attack that set off the most recent demonstrations.

Hu supported greater popular participation (participatory Communism?) in politics, including even the introduction of non-communist parties into the political process. Marxism had to show its worth, he contended, by tangible achievements.

Revolutionary indeed.

But at the same time, there is something universal in the demonstrations. People are demanding to be heard, to be taken seriously, to have greater say in the political process that governs their lives. It is a right that must continually be preserved not only in other countries, but in this one as well. The hindrances may include outright government suppression or, as in our own case, merely apathy, and must be forever struggled against. In so far as this is true, the Chinese students' fight is everyone's fight.

Gangs roots buried in poverty

BY PATRICK MITCHELL
VIEWPOINT EDITOR

Gangs have, in the last year or so, become one of California's most publicized problems.

Police Departments have asked for federal funding to help in the fight against gangs. Politicians are elected according to their stance on gangs. Yet the gangs only continue to grow.

Why?

There are several reasons for the gangs growth. First, gangs distribute drugs and the demand for drugs has gone up. Second and most important is money.

Most gangs sprout up in places like the projects, government owned houses rented to welfare or low income families. Generations of families grow up in projects and for one reason or another are never able to work there way out.

Lights, camera, religion

BY TOBY SHARP
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Jessica Hahn turned my life around, exclaimed a former religion writer from the Register, as she opened the flood gates on ministers who aren't what they seem and who act differently than perceived on camera.

Most of the media notoriety went to such people as Jim and Tammy Bakker, Jimmy Swaggart, and Oral Roberts. With the 'Holy Wars' that went on, people put their own faith and minister, pastor, reverend, or whatever, under the microscope.

I wrote an opinion not too long ago on the Crystal Cathedral's "Glory of Christmas." Before the TV evangelists were cracked down upon, I wouldn't have given a second thought to the "Glory of Christmas." Now I'm trying to fathom what TV evangelists do. I don't necessarily think they are wrong and bad, I'm just questioning their motives and procedures to see if they are what they say they are.

Occasionally, while flipping the cable channels around, I'll run into one of these

religious broadcasts. I usually watch for a while to see what they're doing. I've seen a number of special bibles, books, clocks, religious cassette tapes, jewelry, etc., offered for sending in a special gift of X amount of dollars. I feel repulsed.

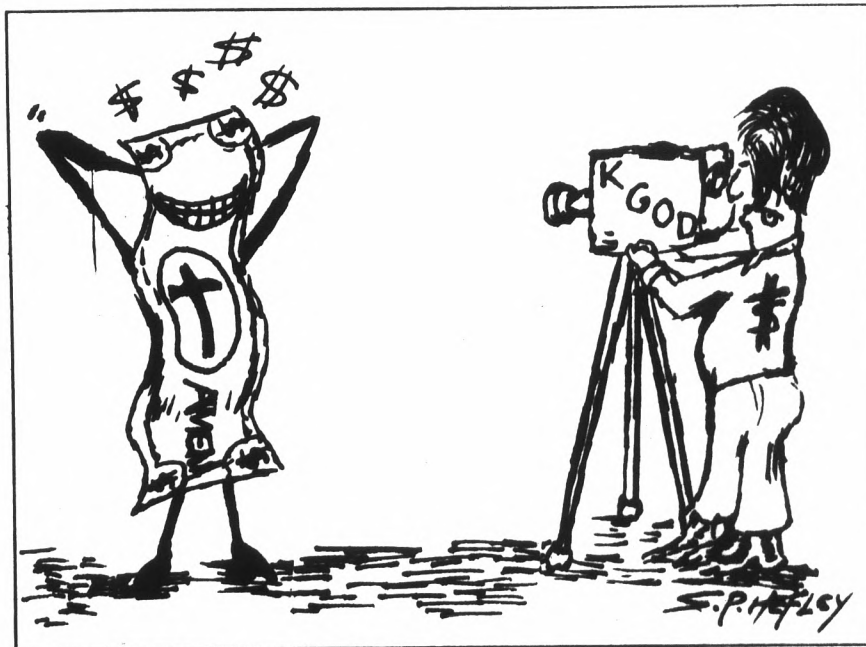
I believe that a church shouldn't have to rely upon whoring trinkets to receive money for the ministries needs.

Myriads of events also take place on these 'Hours of Power.' Their 'shows' are sometimes much better than the actors and actresses seen on soap operas. Especially the tears,

those are my favorite. But the lights, charisma, monolithic churches, crowds of adoring fans, and much more, all seem wrong. To me.

Vaudeville is dead and should be allowed to stay that way; don't resurrect it through evangelist antics.

My beliefs may be similar to what some are touting on TV. I've sung many of the same songs they sing. What I really want to know is, where is their focus? Is it on the man on the cross or the money-changers in their man-made temples?





DANCERS - Richard Lee and Heather Holcomb gracefully perform in last December's Dance concert (Above)

JANET AMBRUSCO (front) and **JANCY HAMPTON** (back) seen in a modern dance setting with outstanding effects from the costuming and lighting



Art of dance

Students and faculty prepare for annual concert with '90% of the dances choreographed by the students'

BY STEPHANIE HENSON
STAFF WRITER

The Dance Department is again prepared to take the RSC campus by storm when the annual Student Dance Concert touches down in Phillips Hall on Friday, April 28. Many students, along with Pro-

duction Director, Eve Stabolepszy, and the entire crew behind the scenes have been hustling during the final week of rehearsals in preparation for opening night. The students involved in the annual spring concert will be performing a variety of dances, most of which

they have choreographed themselves.

According to Sylvia Turner, assistant production director, and head of the dance department for the last ten years, the members of the cast are current students enrolled in the dance production and performance ensemble classes. The students are required to audition for the choreography as well as for the dance numbers. "This is the first year that 90% of the dances were choreographed by the students".

The production casts about twenty students and is broken into two segments. The first contains more modern pieces and the second focuses on jazz dance.

The concert is an annual event at RSC. It has taken place every spring for the last 15 years. The students have been preparing throughout the semester for the show's three night run. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Phillips Hall box office. Prices are \$5 for students, and \$6 for general admission.

The show promises to be an exciting mix of musical numbers with everything from sultry blues to beating drums from the depths of Africa. You can learn and enjoy much when you see and support this very alive art form presented by our dance department.

TAKE 5

Elizabethan Pleasure

RENAISSANCE FAIRE - This is the famous faire from Agoura, now at it's new location in Simi Valley. Come celebrate renaissance European culture and excitement, 9:00-6:00 p.m. on weekends from May 6 to June 25 and on Monday, May 29. Tickets to the faire are for sale at the special low price of \$6.95 to RSC students only.

Universal Fun

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS - From Saturday, May 20 to Tuesday, May 30, students can avail of this golden opportunity to see how a real film studio operates. Universal Studios is open every day within the above time period. Students can purchase half-price tickets (only \$10.00 with registration card) at Student Activities, Johnson Campus Center.

Scots on the rocks

SCOTTISH FAIR - "You take the high road and I'll take the low road, but I'll be at the fair before you!" At the low price of \$5.50 per person, you wouldn't want to miss this Memorial Weekend of dancing, music and family fun at the annual Scottish Fair. Located at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, just off the 55 freeway, May 27 and 28.

Emerald Celebration

IRISH FAIR & MUSIC FESTIVAL - Mark these dates on your social calendar: Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11. Tickets for this annual Irish event are \$6.50 (regularly \$9.50) and can be purchased through the Student Activities office. Located at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center near Griffith Park.

At the movies...

EDWARDS CINEMAS - specially reduced movie tickets are available for registered RSC students at the low cost of \$3.50. Save \$2.00 for every film you see. Available at Student Activities.

Last dates of Progress

This is the final weekend for Three New Plays In Progress, a trio of dramas currently taking place in Little Theatre West, Phillips Hall. Two of the plays, "The Gold Watch" and "Flower Street," were written by Workshop students Mary Ann Madrid and Michael San roman, respectively. The third piece, "Dancing With The Missing," is written and directed by RSC faculty member and established playwright, Roy Conboy. For ticket information call 667-3163.

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COLUMN

Bailey takes it on the chin, Abbott posts a win and Robbins takes a dive

BY FORREST LEE
SPORTS EDITOR

A few thoughts and notes with visions of how many millions a Jim Lampley-Gary Robbins boxing match would bring? Don King, give me a call.

Wild and spontaneous applause.

RSC guard Chris Martin, an All-Orange Empire Conference selection this season, appears to be headed for Chapman College to continue his basketball career, according to Tom "Scoop" Gorrell. Martin was expected to sign a letter-of-intent Thursday at the Orange school, which recently named Bob Boyd as coach. Boyd coached at Riverside this past season.

A question for the RSC baseball team: You've been to Disneyland, so when are you going to win the conference title? Just when you think the Dons are on a roll, someone sneaks up and drops them. This week, someone came in the form of Eddie Pierce, a reliever for OCC, who played a key role by shutting down the Dons in a 14-7 Pirate victory. Pierce did the same thing about three weeks ago when OCC edged the Dons, 8-5.

Jack Bailey (10-3) took it on the chin against OCC, which has handed the Mission Viejo right-hander two of his three losses.

Pirate first baseman Scott Talanoa homered again. This guy has to be the front-runner for conference player of the year.

Surely Jim Abbott feels relieved after picking up

his first major league victory Monday night over the Baltimore Orioles.

Speaking of the Orioles, at this time last season the Birds were looking for their first major league victory and making history with one of the longest losing streaks in baseball. Last week, Baltimore was on top of the American League East. Maybe Frank Robinson will get the last laugh.

If you were on a drinking binge and missed a few things over the weekend, Kareem played his last regular season game in a touching ceremony at the Forum. The 42-year-old center received a Rolls Royce from the Laker organization. Now, let's get on with the playoffs and seeing about hanging another banner from the Forum rafters.

Hats off to both tennis squads at RSC. The men finished third and are ranked 17th in the state. The women finished fourth and had their best season under third-year coach Bernie Schwartz.

If you haven't watched the women's squad, 46-year-old Teri Eggers reigns as the No. 1 singles player. Eggers won 11 of her 16 matches this season by confusing opponents with a mixture of junk, lobs and other crazy shots. Plus, she fools you with a nice smile and laugh, then goes for the kill.

Let's hear it for Mike Capo, who loves to see his name in print and the one who raced out of Phillips Hall to catch Lampley and relay Robbins' criticism of the TV anchor. Never mind Don King, Mike Capo give me a call.

Wild and spontaneous applause.

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An RSC diver curls up and takes the plunge.
Photo by/ Adrian Vasquez

OPINION

Dons need home support in final game

By the time you read this, the baseball Dons will have one home game left; Thursday, May 4 at 2:30 on the baseball diamond at the south-west corner of the college.

RSC's baseball squad is rated fourth in the state among community colleges and they are the first place team in the Orange Empire Conference. It is amazing that their support from the student body is limited to family, girlfriends and maybe a few buddies.

There will be nine sophomores, Jack Bailey, Chad Fouts, Mike Hoelker, Louie Maldonado, John McTaggart, Willie Navarrette, Danny Ontiveros, Tim Reynolds and Joey Townsend, playing in their final home game at RSC.

For the past two years they have provided some thrilling moments and brought some recognition to Rancho Santiago. Last year the team was second in the state and Coach Don Sneddon feels that this years team has a shot to go all the way.

We are asking that you take a friend and come out to see RSC's final home game. You can have some fun, work on your tan, study, or watch a good baseball team in action. You may even catch a foul ball.

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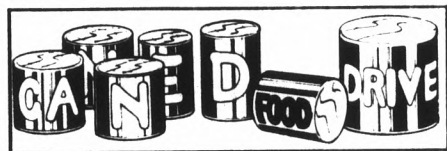
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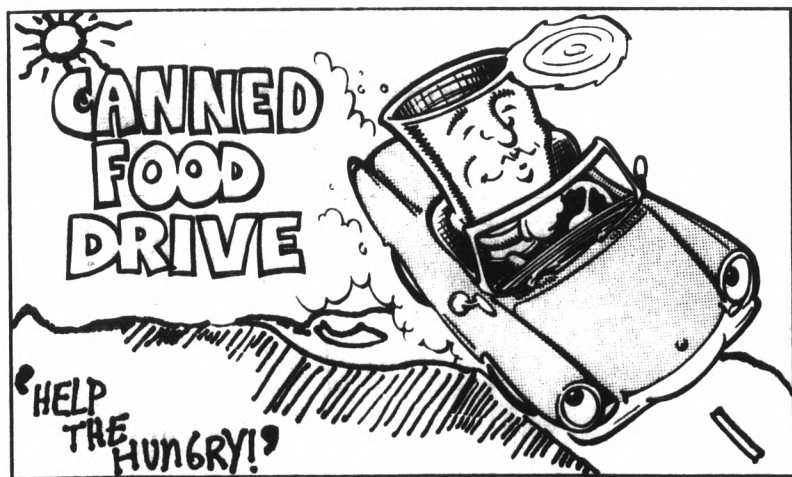
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They Said It:

"Except for the pine tar game which happened on the field, it's been a pretty controversy free career. I just hope I can continue it along those lines."

-George Brett, on his new American Hero status

Fact:

For the California Angels home opener on April 4, 1989 they had signed more than \$12.5 million in new contracts.

SOFTBALL

Dons plagued by losses

The softball team was in the midst of a four-game losing streak after a forfeit to OCC.

The Lady Dons had to forfeit a game in the 10th inning after a RSC player was ejected, leaving the team with only eight players and not enough to legally continue the contest.

The losses left RSC with a 21-17 overall mark, 6-9 in league. Fullerton defeated RSC for the fourth time this season with a 1-0 decision.

Saddleback handed the Lady Dons a 3-2 loss. The defeats left RSC in fourth place of the Orange Empire Conference race and only a half-game ahead of fifth-place Cypress (7-7).

Fullerton (14-1) clinched the conference championship last week with Saddleback (8-6) in second place. Golden West (7-8) is third ahead of the Lady Dons.

RSC concludes the regular season on Monday at Riverside.

BASKETBALL

Men clinch third place

RSC clinched third-place in the Orange Empire Conference race behind Saddleback and OCC, the No. 1 and No. 3 teams in the state.

The Dons wrapped up the season with a 10-8 record in league. RSC is ranked 17th in the state.

RSC will gear up for the Ojai Tournament, which is scheduled for next week.

"Our goal was to finish third and among the top 20 teams in the state, which we did," RSC coach Craig Hayes said. "The commitment by the players was the big factor in reaching our goals."

RSC was led most of the season by No. 1 singles player Omar Shay and Mike Bains, the No. 2 player. John Fung and Dan Manounyavong also made valuable contributions.

Compiled by Andrea Schugal and Alexandra Wittgen

EVENTS

Schedule of Events:

TODAY:

Softball-- Cypress at RSC, 3 p.m.
Swimming-- RSC at Saddleback, All Day
Men's Tennis-- RSC at Ojai Tournament, 9 a.m.
Women's Tennis-- RSC at Ojai Tournament, 9 a.m.
Track and Field-- RSC at Riverside, 1:45 p.m.

SATURDAY:

Swimming-- RSC at Saddleback, All Day
Men's Tennis-- RSC at Ojai Tournament, 9 a.m.
Women's Tennis-- RSC at Ojai Tournament, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY:

Men's Tennis-- RSC at Ojai Tournament, 9 a.m.

MONDAY:

Softball-- RSC at Riverside, 3 p.m.
Golf-- Southern California Championships, 7 a.m.

TUESDAY:

Baseball-- RSC at Riverside, 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Softball-- Conference Playoffs, To be arranged

THURSDAY:

Baseball-- Golden West at RSC, 2:30 p.m.
Softball-- Conference Playoffs, To be arranged
Swimming-- State Championships, To be arranged
Men's Tennis-- Conference Tournament, To be arranged
Women's Tennis-- Conference Championship, To be arranged

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CLEANING HOUSE

Dons sweeping up opponents as season draws to a close

BY MIKE STONE
STAFF WRITER

It was a "sweep week" for RSC as not only did they play on TV, but they won all three of their Orange Empire Conference games. The Dons are now riding a crest of five wins in a row and their lead in the OEC is up to one game.

With five games remaining in the regular season, RSC (25-12, 14-5) is in front of Cypress (27-12, 13-6) by one game and Orange Coast (25-10-1, 12-7) by two. The Dons play both teams this week and the outcome of those games will produce the conference champ (see Playoff Preview).

This is how the week went for the Dons:

RSC 7, GOLDEN WEST 6

The Dons tooketh and they giveth away in this game, which did not make Coach Don Sneddon very happy.

"We allowed them to get back into the game," he said. "Giving teams a second chance will kill us."

The Dons blew leads of 4-0 and 6-4 before Conrad Colby singled in Danny Ontiveros from second in the seventh for the game winner. Colby also had two RBIs in the first inning.

RSC had a chance for a big inning in the seventh, but Tim Reynolds, who had been on first when Colby singled, stumbled rounding second and was tagged out before he could get back to the bag.

"We might still be hitting if that hadn't happened," Sneddon waxed philosophically.

Willie Navarrette (9-4) went the distance for the victory, but needed John McTaggart to hold the Rustlers in check.

In the eighth, McTaggart gunned out a Rustler runner at the plate to keep the score 7-6. Earlier, in the fifth, McTaggart had hit a two-run home run to give the Dons the 6-4 lead.

RSC 11, SADDLEBACK 7

This game is the closest the Dons came to losing. After seven and one-half innings it was 6-4 Saddleback. RSC was batting .231 (3-13) with runners on base and starter Jack Bailey had jammed the thumb on his glove hand. In the third inning Bailey tagged out a Gaucho batter on a bunt back to the mound, spraining his left thumb in the process. Bailey continued to pitch but was in obvious pain and at times his thumb seen to be affecting his



WINDING UP to fire a pitch, RSC's Willie Navarrette (49) helped to propel the Dons to their first place conference ranking.

concentration.

However, in the eighth with two outs and Clint Holt on second, Greg Martineau doubled Holt home to make it 6-5.

The Gauchos brought in the OEC's top reliever, sophomore Todd Bush on to pitch and the fun started.

Bush walked pitch hitter Mark Dion and then George Saldana, also pitch hitting, grounded a ball to the right of Gaucho first baseman Brent Ferguson. Ferguson bobbled the ball and then, trying to get Dion at second, threw it into left field. Holt scored to tie at 6.

Ontiveros followed with a single up the middle for his four hit of the

day, driving in Dion. Saldana raced for third and Gaucho center-fielder Jeff Waltons' picked-up the ball and came up throwing. The ball skipped past third baseman Derek Gingerich and Saldana scored. Gingerich retrieved the ball and threw it into the RSC dugout. Saldana scored and Ontiveros was awarded home on the two-base error, giving RSC a 9-6 lead.

Reynolds was next and he singled. Bush was then pulled and Garth Viar came in. Reynolds stole second and was on his way to steal third when Viar's pitch bounced away from Gaucho catcher Matt Dahlgren. Reynolds came around and beat the Viar's tag at the plate

to make it 10-6.

Colby followed with a single, and Viar was replaced by Steve Hansenleffler. His first pitch was wild and Colby advanced to second. He scored on McTaggart's single and the Dons had their final run of the inning.

RSC had scored seven runs on six hits, two walks, three Gaucho errors and two wild pitches.

"We ran and made them handle the ball and they didn't execute," said Sneddon, with a smile.

RSC 15, FULLERTON 2

The Dons made their first appearance on TV this year and they really hammed it up for the cameras. Channel 26 carried the broadcast locally on Wednesday.

After winning two close games, this one was decided in the first inning.

Navarrette was on the mound for the Dons and in the first, after two singles and a sacrifice, was facing the Hornets cleanup hitter with runners on first and third with one out. That's when RSC catcher Joey Townsend took control.

As Greg Gistlinck took Navarrette's first pitch for a strike, Hornet runner Rob Bailey broke for second.

Townsend faked to second and snapped a throw to Martineau at third, catching Fullerton's Russ Barnes too far off the bag. Martineau chased Barnes towards home and flipped the ball to Townsend for the second out.

Three pitches later, Bailey tried to steal third, but Townsend rifled a shot to Martineau to end the inning.

Out of the jam, Navarrette controlled the Hornets for the next four innings, allowing only one base hit en route to his ninth victory of the season and his 20th as a Don.

"Willie did a great job today," Sneddon said. "After the first, he got into a groove and showed what a pitcher he is."

The Dons scored all the runs they needed in the first. With one out, Reynolds and Colby hit back-to-back singles with one out and McTaggart then followed with a one-hop double to left, scoring both runners.

McTaggart scored on a grounder and Marty Neff added a solo home run as RSC tallied four runs.

The Dons added another run in the third on Sean Ramos' solo homer and scored four more on a walk, four singles and an error in the fourth. RSC got three more runs in the sixth before Martineau blasted a three-run homer in the eighth to account for the Dons final runs.

COLUMN

Hockeymania may just be a little too 'tres LA'

Just a few short weeks ago knowbody in LA knew what a blue line was. Icing was spread atop a cake... and wasn't Luc Robitaille that new veal dish at Spago.

This season, the impossible happened. Hockey finally came to Southern California. Never mind that Los Angeles has had an NHL team for 22 years. It took the arrival of superstar Wayne Gretzky to make LA sit up and take notice.

Why, just a few short weeks ago, nobody in LA knew (or cared) what a blue line is. "Icing" was spread atop a cake, "face-off" was something your wife did in the bathroom every night, and wasn't Luc Robitaille that new veal dish on the menu at Spago?

All that has changed. As the Kings fought it out in the Smythe Division playoffs, "hockeymania" swept through the city like an arctic wind. No matter that we could not pronounce the players' funny little names; nor that we spoke a different language (spanglish versus frenglish). Right here in LA, in 1989, hockey was IN.

And while all the excitement was wonderful for the city, this mania claimed one un-

fortunate victim: the long-suffering LA hockey fan. My friend Dale is a good example of this.

Dale grew up in Southern California and is a rabid hockey fan. While Dale's peers were surfing and sunning and doing all those things that Southern California kids do, Dale was at the hockey game. Dale didn't have a lot of friends but he sure had a great time.

Finally, this season, Dale's patience was rewarded. However, as his beloved Kings skated toward their illusive dream, Dale was forced to view their success via cable TV. Playoff games at the Forum were sold out and ticket brokers were getting up to \$250 a seat.

I tried to reassure Dale that, given the fickleness of LA sports fans, this frenzy would pass.

In LA, I reminded him, you are only as good as your last game. A few losses and things would return to normal.

Although the Kings were shut down by Calgary in the Smythe Division finals, Dale and I agreed that the Kings have given Los Angeles something it can hold on to: a respectable hockey team and the promise of many exciting seasons to come.

Thank you, Kings, for a great year. May your winning ways become a tradition in LA. And thank you, Kings' owners, for bringing a gust of frosty canadian air to this sun-baked land. It was long overdue.

By-Jennifer McDonald